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TO AMEMBASSY LOURENCO MARQUES PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: MOZAMBICAN SCULPTURE

1. MOZAMBICAN SCULPTOR ALBERTO MABUNGULANE CHISSANO HAS WRITTEN INTERNATIONAL PLAY GROUP IN NEW YORK INQUIRING ABOUT FIVE OF HIS WORKS EXHIBITED BUT UNSOLD IN U.S.

2. NON-PROFIT INTERNATIONAL PLAY GROUP, WHICH SUPPORTS U.N. SCHOOL, ANNUALLY SPONSORS YOUNG ARTISTS EXHIBITION. CONGEN LOURENCO MARQUES ASSISTED IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHISSANO SCULPTURE TO BE EXHIBITED SEVERAL YEARS AGO; BUT FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE FOR RETURNING FIVE PIECES TO HIM.

3. MARIA DEL RIO, PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, RECENTLY SENT SCULPTURES TO AF/P, HOPING THEY COULD BE RETURNED TO MOZAMBIQUE AS PART OF SOME OFFICER'S HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS. EVEN IF FEASIBLE, THIS COULD TAKE SOME TIME.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT CHISSANO (C/O CAIXA POSTAL 1017 LOURENCO MARQUES) TO EXPLAIN SITUATION. THREE SMALLER PIECES PRESENT NO SHIPPING PROBLEM, BUT TWO LARGER PIECES NOT EASY TO SHIP. PERHAPS CHISSANO WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT SCULPTURE TO MOZAMBIQUE MISSION IF AND WHEN IT OPENS IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK.
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5. SEVERAL PROSPECTIVE BUYERS FOR SMALLER PIECES IF CHISSANO WILLING TO LOWER ASKING PRICE. PLEASE ADVISE AF/P OF CHISSANO'S REACTION TO CITED OPTIONS. INGERSOLL

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